

Fuchsia Culture Is Rewarding

Fuchsia is a gardening delight to beginning and advanced gardeners both, for it literally seems to help its grower along.

This flowering shrub is named for a sixteenth century German professor, Leonard Fuchs, who was a leading herbalist and worked hard to establish a method of botanical terminology. The fuchsia is native to Central and South America, Mexico, and the West Indies. These geographical areas will readily indicate the type of growing conditions the fuchsia needs: humidity, partial shade, moisture and lots of food.

In California these conditions are best met along the coast, although, as a contradiction to this, some varieties of fuchsias

do very well in the interior valleys of the state. The proper varieties must be selected for culture in the valleys and should be given protection, a lath or the over hanging branches of a large tree.

Fuchsias may be planted as upright shrubs, against trellises trailing in a rock garden or over a sloping area, in hanging baskets, or climbing. For the ideal fuchsia-growing area, the coastal locales, try Blue Flame or Mauve Beauty as your bush varieties. In the interior areas of the state some good bush selections are California and Gulnevere.

Grown against trellises, Lucky Strike and Patty Evans are excellent. Trailing fuchsias can be used well in rock gardens, over walls and in hilly areas. Some good choices among these are Amapola and Muriel... both fine for the coast. For the warmer interior valleys Falling Stars and Swingtime satisfy well.

If basket fuchsias are your delight Dr. John Galloway and Pan America are good.

Culture-wise fuchsias require good drainage in a soil that is rich in humus and on the acid side. Because they are fast-growing and perpetually blooming they need a constant supply of moisture for the roots and will also appreciate over-

head sprinklings daily. A mulch or leaf mold will keep their toes cool.

If the soil is rich and there are no greedy neighbors, the fuchsia plant requires no extra food the first year. After that, apply fertilizer during the main growing and blooming season, always making sure the soil is moist beforehand and that water is given after the feeding.

Generally speaking, healthy fuchsias are relatively free of insects and diseases. If you have any trouble, the California Association of Nurserymen recommends that you use the same sprays on the fuchsias as you are using on your other garden plants. To protect against frost in the interior valleys of the state, pile a mound of coarse sand or peat against the main stems of the bushes. Or you can take up the nearly dormant plants bare-rooted and place

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them lengthwise in a shallow trench and cover with sandy soil.

Fuchsias should be pruned in the spring at the first sign of new growth, when no more damaging frosts are expected.

Look into the cultivation of fuchsias, and you'll find this year around blooming shrub with its colorful pendulums of flowers a happy gardening choice.

HOBBY...

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are now being taken by Mrs. Victor Benstead.

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strict health officer, stated that some individuals have called up to cancel the polio shots for their children.

To emphasize the merit of the shots, Dr. Kogan stated, "I wish I could get them for my own children. Unfortunately they are not eligible for the vaccine now since they are eight and ten years old."

He further indicated that during the period of January 1 to May 4, 1954 there were eight cases of polio in this area. During the same period this year there have been only three.

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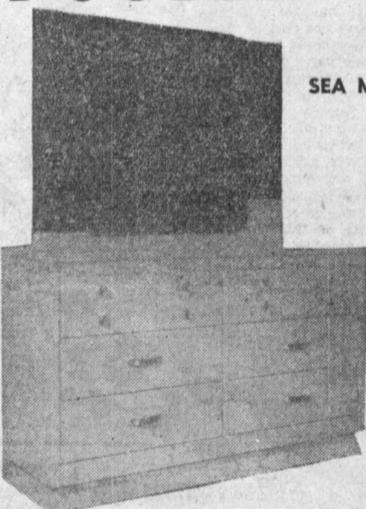
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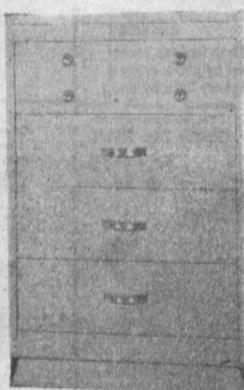
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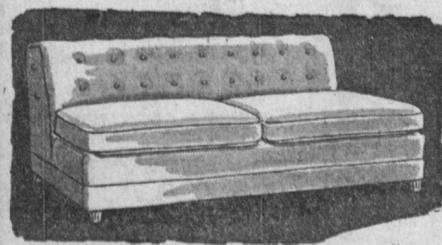
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